

GEMINI ♊

LEO ♌

LIBRA ♎

SAGGIT. ♐

AQUARI. ♑



♉ TAURUS

♋ CANCER

♍ VIRGO

♏ SCORPIO

♐ CAPRI-CORNUS

♓ PISCES.

ASTRA REGUNT HOMINES, SED REGIT ASTRA DEUS.

TO THE PUBLIC.

I INTENDED to write a Preface to my Almanack for two reasons:—First, as the name of Theophrastus is so little known now a-days, I supposed there would be a general enquiry “who is the new Almanack maker?” For a new face, or a new name, or, in short any thing that is new, will generally attract the attention for a time: Hence in a great measure has arisen the old proverb, “That every dog has his day,” that is, as I take it, of being talk’d about; but I really do not know in what else the proverb holds true. Praise or scandal falls to the lot of every one.—My second reason was, that I might, as most authors do, speak very modestly of my abilities—beg you to be kind and indulgent to a young beginner—and to tell you that whatever errors might have crept into the present publication, should be carefully avoided next year.—But my design is frustrated—for on examination, I find I have only half a page to crowd it in. I am therefore obliged just to acquaint you,—That my father is a plain honest farmer—but possessed of more learning than generally falls to the lot of that useful description of men. He is, however, exceedingly positive and whimsical.—Attached to a particular Almanack-maker—by his Almanack he regulates his planting, sowing, reaping, &c.—and I happening to be born in an autumn, when, by following this method, he had reaped an abundant harvest, he came to the determination to name me Theophrastus after a famous old Grecian Almanack maker, a translation of whose writings my father had read with much approbation.—In spite of all the opposition of my mother, Theophrastus I was called.—But notwithstanding this, my father considered the design he had formed from the first moment of my birth, to

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